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## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MONITORING INSTANT MESSAGING **ACCOUNTS**

Enclosed are also:

31 Pages of Specification including an Abstract

Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 36)

Sheet(s) of Drawings ('informal)

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